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CITY HALL
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Amesbury, MA 01913

MEETING NOTICE

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City Council Meeting

BOARD OR COMMITTEE

Place of Meeting: City Hall Auditorium

Day, Date and Time: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 @ 7:00 pm

Topics for Discussion / Agenda:

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Councilor McMilleon
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Act on minutes** –February 8, 2016, February 23, 2016 and March 9, 2016
5. **Correspondence**
 - a. President/Vice President Communications
 - b. Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions
 - c. Council Communications, Announcements and Committee Reports
 - 1.) Zoning Enforcement on signs in public ways
6. **Appointments – None at this time**
7. **Licenses & Permits – FYI-attached list**
8. **Pole Hearings – None at this time**
9. **Public Comment**
10. **Council Response to Public Comment**

11. **Public Hearings:**

2016-024 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a Massachusetts Working on Wellness grant in the amount of \$10,000 from Health Resources in Action Inc. for the purpose

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of promoting employee wellness in the City and in the Amesbury Public School District. – Mayor Gray Sponsor

Summary: Mayor Gray is requesting authorization to accept and expend a Massachusetts Working on Wellness (WOW) grant in the amount of \$10,000 from Health Resources in Action, Inc. (HRA). HRA is awarding the grant on behalf of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health pursuant to Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012. The grant requires a 50% local match, which will be provided entirely by the Massachusetts Inter-local Insurance Association (MIIA) through in-kind services.

2016-025 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a Community Compact grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Administration and Finance. – Mayor Gray Sponsor

Summary: The City was accepted into the Baker Administration's Community Compact Cabinet program. EOANF is providing this grant for the purpose of developing a comprehensive multi-year technology roadmap to allow for better technology planning in the City and the Amesbury Public School District.

2016-027 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a Community Compact grant in the amount of \$40,000 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Administration and Finance – Mayor Gray Sponsor

Summary: The City was accepted into the Baker Administration's Community Compact Cabinet program. EOANF is providing this grant for the purposes of improving the City financial policies, procedures, and budget format, as well as providing resources for improved financial planning and forecasting.

2016-028 An Ordinance to Establish an Open Space and Recreation Committee for the City of Amesbury - Councilor Sherwood sponsor

Summary: An Ordinance establishing an Open Space and Recreation Committee for the purpose of supporting the maintenance, updating, and implementation of Amesbury Open Space and Recreation Plan.

2016-030 An Order to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from the Smart Growth Stabilization Fund (7301) for engineering and survey services related to the City-owned property at 116 Whitehall Road. – Mayor Gray sponsor

Summary: Fund #7301, "Smart Growth Stabilization Fund," was established pursuant to City Council Order 2007-075 upon award of a \$350,000 grant provided in accordance with M.G.L. C. 40R. In December of 2015, the City Council authorized an appropriation of \$250,000 from this fund for various public improvements. This order seeks a \$30,000 appropriation from the same fund for the purpose of procuring engineering and survey services in preparation for eventual disposition and development of the City-owned property at 116 Whitehall Road.

2016-031 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$23,250 from the Pre-Disaster Mitigation program for the completion of the All Hazards Plan, further that \$7,000 is appropriated from the balance of 40R funds (\$100,000) to provide the match for said grant. – Mayor Gray sponsor

Summary: The All Hazards Plan is a document required by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) prior to acquiring grant funds through FEMA Programs. The City of Amesbury public Works Department working with Merrimack Valley Planning achieved a plan nearing 70% completion. The funds herein will complete the plan and file the document to receive approval from FEMA. The

OCED has already procured services for consulting pending the funding release will work toward completion.

12. First Readings

a.) Resolutions

2016-041 A Resolution relative to the naming of the southbound span of the newly completed 1-95 bridge connecting the city of Newburyport and the City of Amesbury. – Councilor Scorzoni sponsor

Summary: This resolution would request that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts name the southbound portion of the newly completed Interstate 95 Bridge in honor of William Lloyd Garrison.

2016-042 A Resolution to Amend City Council Rules and Procedures: Rule 11B – Council Representation on City Committees and a Joint Education Subcommittee. – Councilors McMillen, Sherwood and Lavoie Sponsor

b.) Orders

2016-039 An Order to Amend City Council Rules and Procedures – Councilors Einson, Sherwood and Lavoie Sponsor

Summary: Per section 3-5 (c) of the Amesbury Charter, the City Council has caused its Tenth Session Rules and Procedures to be reviewed by its Committee on Rules and Procedures, who present these Recommendations to the Council for its consideration and action.

2016-040 An Order to Amend Amesbury Code Section 20-5; the deadline date of the Capital Improvements Program and Section 20-6; the deadline date of the Financial Forecast which are to be filed with the City Council be changed from February 28 of each year to May 15 of each year. - Councilor Lavoie Sponsor

***Discussion of topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours before the meeting.

13. Adjourn



Signature

____ April 5, 2016 ____
Date